

Office of the Director

Subject: September 11

The world, and the lives of all U.S. citizens, changed dramatically two years ago on Sept. 11 with the attack on the World Trade Center. Today, I'm sure all of us will recall that awful event in our own way, remembering those who lost their lives in New York City and the others who fell at the Pentagon and those in the airline crash over Pennsylvania.

On this second Patriot Day, we also will remember those brave members of the U.S. military and the many civilians who have given their lives in the battle against global terrorism that began on that sad day.

I want every member of the Laboratory family to stop and observe this anniversary, either privately or alongside your fellow employees. Sept. 11, 2003, should be not only a day of reflection and mourning, but also a day of renewed dedication for all of us. Because of our crucial role in maintaining a vigilant and strong nation, we must pause on momentous occasions such as this one to recognize what more we can do in our vital work to help protect our fellow citizens.

In that spirit, I'm inviting all of you to join me at noon today in a moment of silence to remember those who have fallen, on that tragic day and in the months since. We will gather at the Technical Area 3 flagpoles just north of the Otowi Building for a short tribute. I plan to offer remarks about the importance of remembering this historic and tragic day, and to briefly discuss how the Laboratory is contributing to the battle against terrorism.

Please join me at noon on Sept. 11. For those who can't join me I ask you to in your own way take a moment today to honor the heroes who died in New York City, Virginia and Pennsylvania and all those who continue to serve and protect our country both here and abroad.